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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC-PAKISTANI STATEMENT

1. IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON JULY 1, PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE SHAHID HUSAIN (SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER) STRUCK A PARTICULARLY PESSIMISTIC AND CRITICAL TONE IN REVIEWING LDC ECONOMIC STRAITS AND DELPLORING THE INADEQUACY AND DELAYS IN THE RESPONSE BY DCS. HE EMPHASIZED WORSENING TERMS OF TRADE FOR LDCS, FOR EXAMPLE TEXTILES SUFFERING FROM THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT AND QUOTAS, AND CALLED FOR THE REMOVAL OF QUOTAS AND BANS. WHILE PRAISING GENEROUS ASSISTANCE FROM OPEC COUNTRIES, HE DEPLORED THE GROWING CYNICISM OF THE DCS, THEIR REDUCTION IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, AND THE "TWO-TOUNGED" DECISIONS OF UNCTAD IV. IT WAS APPARENT THAT THIS NEGATIVE NOTE WAS DESIGNED TO SET THE STAGE FOR HIS NEXT

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THEME: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S PROPOSAL FOR THIRD WORLD MEETING

AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL TO GIVE IMPULSE TO THE NIEO, FOR THE PURPOSES OF (1) STRENGTHENING THE NEGOTIATING POSITION OF TE LDCS AND (2) GIVING CONCRETE SHAPE TO THE CONCEPT OF COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE.

2. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTERWARDS WITH A USDEL MEMBER, HUSAIN WAS EQUALLY CRITICAL, EXPRESSING PARTICULAR DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE INADEQUACY OF US CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONTRAST TO MILITARY EXPENDITURES (ESPECIALLY CITING IDA), AT THE DIVISION AND LACK OF LEADERSHIP IN THE U.S. EXECUTIVE, AND AT U.S. RETREAT FROM ITS PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES.

WHEN PRESSED, HE ADMITTED THAT US HAD BEEN HELPFUL ON DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR PAKISTAN. HE IMPLIED HE HAD TO PRESENT BROAD G-77 COMPLAINTS IN VIEW OF THE BHUTTO INITIATIVE. SMITH

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